HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 1303 OF 2006.

S. K. Thorat, ..Petitioner.

Versus.

The State of Maharashtra. ..Respondent.

R. S. Apte i/b Mandar Limaye for the petitioner.

Smt. U. V. Kejariwal A.P.P. for the State.

CORAM: S.B.MHASE &
S.R.SATHE JJ

DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2006.

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1. Heard. The petitioner has approached this Court for a writ that Criminal Cases bearing Nos. 121 of 1981, 58 of 1981 and 120 of 1981 pending before the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Satara be quashed after examining the legality, validity and propriety of the said cases. The offences involved in the said cases appear to have taken place from 1.9.1976 to 20.9.1978 and thereafter till 1980-81 the charge-sheet has been filed. Unfortunately, for more than 25 years the cases are pending and therefore the learned counsel submits that the proceedings be now quashed. However, the State has filed affidavit of Dilawarsaheb Ismailsaheb Mulla, Advocate who is Special Public Prosecutor appointed to

conduct these cases. He has stated that now only one witness has remained to be examined and considering the bulk of the evidence and documents, further 2-3 months are necessary to complete the evidence. In view of the statements made in the affidavit, we find it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the State that maximum and in any eventuality within a period of three months from today the evidence shall be completed. We further direct that Chief Judicial Magistrate, Satara shall, after the completion of evidence of prosecution, dispose of the cases within a period of three months. Petition thus stands disposed of.

. Registrar (Judicial) is directed to send a writ of this order to the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Satara.

(S.R.SATHE,J.) **(S.B.MHASE, J.)**

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